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SUBJECT: KREISKY AND PALME ON SOCIALIST-COMMUNIST RELATIONSHIPS

1. VIENNA "KURIER" OF MARCH 12 CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY AND SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME IN WHICH KREISKY DECLARED AIMS OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY AND COMMUNISM WERE ANTIHETICAL AND PALME SAW SIGNS OF GRADUAL MOVEMENT OF COMMUNIST PARTIES IN SOUTHERN EUROPE AWAY FROM THREE BASIC DOGMAS THAT IN PAST TRADITIONALLY DIFFERENTIATED COMMUNISM FROM SOCIALISM, VIA. PROLETARIAN INTERNATINALISM, DICTATORSHIP OF PROLETARIAT, AND DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM. KREISKY AND PALME AGREED THAT DECISIONS ON FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES WOULD BEST BE LEFT TO INDIVIDUAL SOCIALIST PARTIES.

2. PALME SAID IT NOW APPEARS ENTIRE MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE IS BEING QUESTIONED BY COMMUNIST PARTIES IN WEST BUT ONLY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL SHOW IF THIS IS UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMUNIST PARTIES BY CONCRETE STEPS PROCLAIMED "NO DEMOCRACY WITHOUT SOCIALISM, NO SOCIALISM WITHOUT DEMOCRACY," PALME SAID, THEY WILL HAVE ADOPTED FUNDAMENTAL VALUES OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL.

3. KREISKY SAID VERY MISSION OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IS TO PERMEATE ALL WALKS OF LIFE WITH DEMOCRATIC IDEAS, WHICH IS PERMANENT PROCESS; WHEREAS COMMUNISTS SAY THAT ON DAY THEY SEIZE POWER SOCIALISM EXISTS AND THIS LEADS AUTOMATICALLY TO COMMUNISM; THUS, ACCORDING TO KREISKY, COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP AND SOCIAL DEMOCRACY ARE COMPLETE OPPOSITES.
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